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"The Attorney General's resignation is the product of a pattern we have seen time and again under this Administration: our trusted federal agencies, have been reduced to partisan instruments for the benefit of the White House and the Republican Party," said Rep. Slaughter.

"The resignation of Mr. Gonzales comes amid a cloud of scandal and suspicion. This Congress will continue to demand answers concerning the dismissal of eight U.S attorneys, as well as a host of other issues.

"It is absolutely imperative that trust and accountability be restored to the beleaguered Justice Department," Rep. Slaughter continued. **"More broadly, it is my hope that today will begin the restoration of our federal agencies as the independent and objective institutions that the American people expect them to be."**

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